

**New Mexico- Portales Field Office**  
**FY 2006 Ranking Criteria Worksheet - Dry Cropland**

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Points: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Farm No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Tract No.: \_\_\_\_\_ CMS Field No's.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tribal Land: \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Tribal Land: \_\_\_\_\_ Preliminary \_\_\_\_\_ Final \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Natural Resources Criteria - 175 Potential Points (75%)**

<b>A. Soil Erosion: Wind</b>	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
No Till	40		
Windbreaks	5		
Field Borders	5		
Range Seeding			
3 Species	50		
2 Species	20		
1 Species	10		
<b>A. Soil Erosion</b>	<b>Total</b>		
<b>B. Water Erosion: Ephemeral Gully, Concentrated Flow</b>	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Diversion/Terraces/Grassed Waterway	45		
Rebuilds	20		
<b>B. Water Erosion</b>	<b>Total</b>		
<b>C. Animals Wildlife: Inadequate Food/Cover</b>	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Shrubs/Trees	5		
<b>C. Animals: Wildlife</b>	<b>Total</b>		
<b>D. Animals Wildlife: Inadequate Water</b>	Potential Points	Benchmark Points	After Points
Wildlife Water	5		
<b>D. Animals: Wildlife</b>	<b>Total</b>		

**2. Other Considerations - 59 Potential Points (25%)**

	Potential Points		After Points
A. At risk species are in the area and the contract will enhance habitat for the species. <i>Lesser Prairie Chicken</i>	15		
B. Treatment of this land could have a beneficial impact on a 303d listed stream segment.	15		
C. Treatment of this land could enhance the benefits of an active sec. 319 project.	15		
D. This land is within a proposed sec. 319 project.	14		
<b>2. Other Considerations</b>	<b>Total</b>		

Note: Cost-shared payments associated with the no-till are limited to a maximum of 320 acres for 3 consecutive years per producer regardless of county. Grazing of livestock is prohibited on no-till contract acres if producer agrees to the no-till incentive. Producers currently applying no-till, or who have previously received cost-share payments for this practice are not eligible. In the event of a tie, contracts will be awarded based on highest soil erodibility index.

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 Producer

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 Date

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 Designated Conservationist

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 Date